(ix) Setting up of an Orissa Cyclone Reconstruction Authority by the Central Government.

Prevailing Drought Situation in States

1255. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any official team visited Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Orissa, Uttar Pradesh to study the prevailing drought conditions in these States;

(b) if so, the details of financial relief and foodgrains granted to these States, State-wise/district-wise;

(c) the details of districts of these States affected by the drought conditions; and

(d) the effective measures being taken or proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Out of these States, the official teams visited Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh in connection with drought situation.

(b) Release of assistance from the National Fund for Calamity Relief (NFCR) in the wake of drought, release of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) and foodgrains allotted is indicated below:

(Rs. In crore)

Name of State	C.R.F.		N.F.C.R.
	1999-2000	2000-01	1999-2000
Rajasthan	155.25	168.18	102.93
Maharashtra	59.14	-	
Madhya Pradesh	44.29	31.98	38.86*
Andhra Pradesh	107.69	77.78	75.36
Orissa	42.50	30.70	
Uttar Pradesh	108.50	39.18	

*for drought and floods

	Foodgrains allocated *(in lakh tonnes)*
Rajasthan	5.25
Andhra Pradesh	4.36
Gujarat	4.19

The district-wise distribution of relief is done by the State Government concerned.

(c) As reported by the States the following number of districts were affected by drought in the various States:

Rajasthan	26
Maharashtra	@
Madhya Pradesh	10
Andhra Pradesh	18
Orissa	@
Uttar Pradesh	@

@ — No report has been received.

(d) In addition to release of Central share of CRF, other steps taken by the Central Government for the drought affected State include free transportation of water and fodder by the railways, supply of foodgrains at BPL rates, support by the RBI for conversion of short term loans into mid-term loans and release of loans from Rural Infrastructure Development Fund by NABARD etc.

Losses Due to Rainfall

1256. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that rainfall in current year's monsoon in different parts of the country is more this year as compared to previous years monsoon;

(b) if so, how many people lost their lives (State-wise) till date indicating loss of property as compared to last year;

(c) what is the Central Financial outlay and other assistance provided to rain victims till date, State-wise; and

(d) whether any preventive measures have been taken in this regard by both Central and State machineries jointly, so as to save people or issue them timely warnings?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) As per reports from the India Meteorological Department (IMD), the actual rainfall during 1st June, 2000 to 26th July, 2000 was more in 17 out of 35 meteorological sub-divisions in the country, as compared to the corresponding period last year.

(b) As per available information, 26 human lives in Arunachal Pradesh, 13 in Assam, 8 in Bihar, 75 in Kerala and 1 in Punjab have been lost due to heavy rains/floods this year as compared to 233 in these States during last year. Floods also cause damage to property in varying degrees depending upon the intensity.

(c) Instalments of Central share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) is released to State is for undertaking immediate relief measures in the wake of natural calamities including floods. Details of State-wise release of Central share of CRF during 2000-01 is given in the Statement (*See* below).

(d) It is primarily the responsibility of the State Government to undertake necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities. The Central Government supplements the efforts of the State Government by providing resources in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Commissions appointed from time to time. Timely warnings on floods are issued both by the IMD and Central Water Commission.

Statement

State-Wise Release of Central Share of Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) For 2000-01

(Rs. in crore)

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Central Share released
1.	Andhra Pradesh	77.78
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	4.40
3.	Assam	15.66
4.	Goa	0.34
5.	Gujarat	131.14
6.	Haryana	15.69
7.	Himachal Pradesh	8.44
8.	Jammu & Kashmir	6.17
9.	Karnataka	13.11
10.	Kerala	17.34

Sl. No.	Name of the State	Central Share released
11.	Madhya Pradesh	31.98
12.	Manipur	1.56
13.	Meghalaya	1.76
14.	Mizoram	0.80
15.	Nagaland	0.53
16.	Orissa	30.70
17.	Punjab	16.95
18.	Rajasthan	168.18
19.	Sikkim	2.95
20.	Tamil Nadu	18.59
21.	Tripura	1.41
22.	Uttar Pradesh	39.18
23.	West Bengal	32.13
	TOTAL:	636.79

Precautionary Steps to Avert Natural Calamity

†1257. SHRI BACHANI LEKHRAJ:
PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether Government have formulated any guideline to tackle an eventuality as we have faced the wrath of nature in the form of worst cyclone in Orissa and other States last year;

(b) if so, the details the thereof;

(c) whether Government have taken up with the States the importance of keeping vigil and taking precautionary steps to avert destructions in advance;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether Government have taken any step to reach the victims fast to save life and problems as Government could not reach the remote corners of cyclone affected Orissa last year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) and (b) There is an integrated administrative machinery both at the Central and State levels to

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.